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Detectives seek public's assistance in Pigeon Drop Scam

Case: 09-0830958

Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Time: 12:45p.m.

Narrative:

Detectives are seeking the public's assistance in locating suspects responsible for a theft that occurred on Tuesday, March 24, 2009. The victim was approached in a parking lot at 5510 South IH 35 by a Black male suspect asking for help in getting a ride to his hotel at 4701 South IH 35. During the ride the suspect told the victim that a family member had left him some money and he needed to do something with it or he would have to destroy it. The suspect offered the victim the money. At the hotel they met with another Black male and a Black female in a grey car. The female drove off and both male suspects got into the victim's vehicle.

They showed the victim cash and talked the victim into depositing the money into his bank account. The scam called for the victim having to withdraw money to show the suspect that he had an account. They drove to an ATM. The victim withdrew some money and handed it to one of the suspects to show he was trustworthy. The suspects then walked off around a building. The victim followed them and saw them getting into the grey car he had seen earlier, driven by the female suspect.

The suspects have African accents. The initial male suspect was last seen wearing a dark brown suit, glasses, and a tie.

Austin Police Department Southeast Detectives are asking anyone who may have information about the suspects to call 512-974-8218.

Media Advisory: APD-PIO will be available for interviews at 2:30 p.m. at APD Headquarters. Please call PIO if you plan to attend.

